

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2359 without my signature.

I support the bill's goal of improving access to information about radiation safety and helping patients make informed health care decisions. At my direction, the California Department of Health Services has modified its website to include the information on radiation safety awareness envisioned in this bill, thus making the bill unnecessary. The website includes a link to a downloadable X-ray record card that patients can use to track when they have had an X-ray procedure performed. Patients and their health care providers can use this information when considering the use of radiation for diagnostic or treatment purposes. For patients that have multiple X-ray procedures over a prolonged period of time, a card will allow a radiologist or other health professional to review past procedures and better inform their professional judgment about the need for additional procedures.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger